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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This amendment is a reply to the Office Action mailed on January 26, 2001 in the above-identified application. In view of the remarks and amendments provided herein below, reconsideration is respectfully requested. The time set for filing a response to the Office Action expires on April 26, 2001. Applicants submit herewith a one month petition for an extension of time and enclose a check for the associated fee. Accordingly, the time for responding to the Office Action now expires on May 26, 2001 and this reply is timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-39 without prejudice.

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